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bish); mouth of Madawaska river, New Brunswick, July 13, 1879 (G. U. Hay & G. F. Matthew); crevices of ledges, Aroostook Falls, New Brunswick, July, 1893 (M. L. Fernald); rocky banks, Hero's Rapids, Restigouche river, New Brunswick, August 2, 1896 (G. U. Hay).

Newly-observed plant stations in eastern Massachusetts.—
During the past season I have found the following interesting plants in Eastern Massachusetts:—

COLUTEA ARBORESCENS, L. This I found near the roadside in Arlington, not far from the Winchester line. I also found some of it in a vacant lot on Boylston Street, Boston, where it had probably escaped from cultivation in the Back Bay Fens.

Juncus dichotomus, Ell. This grows abundantly in a swamp near the railway at East Lexington. Its range in Gray's Manual is "low sandy grounds, N. J. to Florida"; and, so far as I know, it has been found but once north of these limits. Then it was collected by M. L. Fernald at Orono, Me.

LYTHRUM ALATUM, Pursh. I found this in limited quantity in the same swamp at East Lexington.

EUPHORBIA COROLLATA, L. This grows on the embankment of the Boston aqueduct at South Natick, where it is probably an introduced plant. — C. H. KNOWLTON.

Some noteworthy specimens of the fringed gentian. — The description in the January Rhodora of a prolific gentian (G. crinita, Froel.) recalls several extraordinary specimens of the same species which I have seen. One of these, found isolated in a large pasture near Hartford, was $28\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and had the symmetrical shape of a small cypress tree. It bore 76 buds and flowers; but although it was allowed to go to seed, no gentians appeared in this pasture for the next three years. The largest gentian which I have ever seen was found at North Bloomfield, Conn., by Mr. C. H. Pember; and although less symmetrical than the one just mentioned, it had no less than 176 buds and flowers. This specimen, which was 38 inches high and 7 inches in diameter, was exhibited at the Botanical Section of the Hartford Scientific Society. Another noteworthy specimen of the same species, found at Glastonbury, Conn., by Mr. A. W. Driggs, bore 124 buds and flowers.